

Item

It is my wish and desire that a negro Woman named Betty should live and remain where she now is and it is further my wish that to the lot she may fall shall be made equal to that of the other Children of my Brother James —

I give and bequeath to Lydia Days and Betsy Bell, Daughters of my Brother Samuel Bell deceased, one negro fellow named Charles & the balance of the negroes belonging myself and my Brother James Bell to? I give to the above mentioned Lydia Days and Betsy Bell to be equally Divided between them.

If any Dots can be deducted without the Sale of my Stock it is my wish that it be equally divided between the Children of my Brother Samuel Bell decd?

Item

The Money that may remain from the Sale of the the new Boat after paying for her to go to the payment of negro Charles —

All my household furniture (except one Bed which I give to my nephew Samuel Bell) together with my Black Smiths Tools I give and bequeath to my Sister in law Betsy Bell

Item

It is my wish that Batt Chavens live and remain in peace able Physician on the place he now lives for the Term of six Years and that he have the Benefit of Cleaning as much as twenty thousand Cabbells, and that he carries no more Stags than for his own use, I wish the Cap to be carried on for the present Year, with the Bonds belonging to the Plantation under the direction of Jeremiah Hause and that he be paid for the time after leaving, the Bond agreeable to our former Contract —

I do hereby constitute and appoint my Friend Isaac Lane Curator to bear my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have set my hand, this twenty second day of January, one thousand eight hundred and one —

Witness

Benjamin Howell  
Seth Jones  
James Hause

William Bell /s/

{ Northampton County S. March Court 1801  
This Will was signed by the Authors of Benjamin Howell, & Seth Jones, at the same time Isaac Lane, qualified Curator thereto. Ordained to be Certified and Recorded.

Test C. Grayson Et al.

## Robert Hicks's Will.

I Robert Hicks of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being of sound and Perfect Mind and Memory, and Lately to mind the uncertainty of life, and the Certainty of Death do this twenty second day August in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred make and Publish this my last Will and Testamente in manner and form following that is to say —

I give and bequeath my Son Thomas Hicks the plantation whereon he now lives which has never been bounded so as to hold contain the one third part of all my Lands to him and his Heirs forever —

I give and bequeath unto my Son James Hicks the Plantation whereon he now lives, which has never been bounded so as shall contain the one third of my Lands to him and his Heirs forever, with this Condition that he shall first pay unto my Executor the sum of ten Pounds Virginia Money it being the sum he has agreed to pay —

I leave unto my Son John Hicks the other third of my Land it being the Plantation whereon I now live, for his natural Life. It having never been bounded so as, and at his death I give it to his Child, a Citizen in such manner as he the said John may then living of it in his Power to any which of them, or all or any part of them to him as them and their Heirs forever — With respect to laying out the Plantation which I have given, one half to my Sons, my wish is that they may lay off the Land themselves, reserving the Plantation to each of them as I have given, and to contain the one third part of all my Lands as above mentioned and having particular regard not to interfere with each others cleared land it can be done without, and in case my Sons cannot agree as to who shall themselves lay off my Will is that each of them above mentioned which other when share may then be one other who shall then perform laying off and Divide the lands according to the true intent and Meaning of what I have herein stated and their decisions shall be obligatory on my Sons —

I give and bequeath unto all my Sons 4 Daughters and myself Hicks Daughter of my Son tho' eight of my choice cattle to be equally

Divided among them by lot. I do further desire that my Wife may have the use of the Plantation which I now have or her life or as much as my wife reasonable for herself to live with me having a particular regard not to interfere with my son John Hicks, as much as she can help - and after my death, shall have all the remainder of my Estate and before her death during her natural life, and at the death of my wife, give and bequeath my Bed and furniture which is need for myself, to my Grand Daughter Alice Hicks and her heirs - I wish to observe that she receive twenty shillings Virginia money to each of my Daughters Peggy, Penelope, and Becky Turner as an equivalent to make them equal some legacies heretofore given and omitted, and lastly my Will is that all that part of my Estate which I have not already given, and that shall have but to my Wife at her Death be equally divided among my four Daughters and my Grand Daughter Alice Hicks to them and their heirs - I nominate & appoint my Son Thomas James & John Hicks Executors to this my last Will & Testament - In witness whereof I the said Robert Hicks, have to this my last Will & Testament, set my Hand and Seal the day and date first written - Published and Declared by the said Hicks to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us.

Jn: M: Bradford  
William Hicks  
David Morrison

Robert Hicks *(Signed)*  
Northampton County Fe: 1<sup>st</sup> March C: 1801  
This Will was proved by John M: Bradford  
and William Hicks, at the same time James  
James & John Hicks qualified executors  
thereof. Certified to be Certified Microfilm

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## Solomon Hayes's Will

In the Name of GOD AMEN; I Solomon Hayes  
of Northampton County North Carolina, calling to mind all  
Men must one die, and leaving most of my lands and Money to  
make and effectuate this to be my Testate and to bind me and  
all others living after my death in decency buried and all my just  
debt is paid. I dispose of all my worldly Estate in the following manner  
vizt. I leave to my living wife Rebecca Hayes my Plantation  
whereas I now live also two negroes ~~John & Lucy~~ during her  
natural life as aforesaid.

I give and devise to my son Peter Hayes twenty Shillings to  
him and his heirs forever -

I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Hayes one negro  
boy, ~~John~~ Luke to her and her heirs forever -

I give and devise to my daughter Simeon Hayes one negro  
girl, ~~Elizabeth~~ Esther to her and her heirs forever -

I give and devise to my daughters Lucy Hayes & Sally Hayes  
two negroes, ~~John & Lucy~~ Dick & Shirley to be equally divided  
between them - Possible that either of them should die  
without an issue the part that ought to fall to the one  
that dies or both my will and desiring that such part  
or parts to be equally divided between all my sons, ~~whether~~  
to them and their heirs forever -

I give and devise to my son Sodoe Hayes all the land  
I have on the North side of the great Road, and one  
negro boy ~~John~~ Luke to him and his heirs forever -

I give and devise to my son Benjamin Hayes one negro boy ~~John~~  
~~John~~ Ann and her issue to him and his heirs forever -

I give and devise to my son Mathias Hayes the plantation  
where I now live also two negroes, ~~John~~ Dick & Lucy, after the  
death of a widow of my wife Rebecca Hayes to him & his heirs  
forever -